

### 17:8-13

**Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek.** These folks, according to Genesis 36:12, are the descendants of Esau (the grandson of Esau; the great grandson of Isaac). We have, then, the descendants of Jacob and Esau having a battle.

**Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with <sup>o</sup>the rod of God in my hand.”** Here is another picture of Christ. Psalm 110:1-2 speaks of the LORD’s **rod** going forth “from Zion.” Here then is Christ being first the rock (17:1-7) and next the rod. This isn’t the first time Christ changes types in the middle of a story. In Genesis 22 we have Jesus being pictured first by Isaac and then being pictured by the “ram in the thicket.”

Christ being this **rod** means that we learn much about lifting Christ (John 12:32, a secondary scope of this verse perhaps).<sup>1</sup> Christ exalted, then, means the old life is defeated. This is, after all, a generations-old feud for which none of those living in that valley were responsible (going back to Genesis 25).

**10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, the brother of Moses and Hur** Josephus says this was Miriam’s husband.

### 17:14-16

**Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this *for* a memorial in the book** If Moses had a habit of writing things after they occurred as he did here, then he wrote the remainder of Exodus close to a year after the Exodus (40:17).

**and recount it in the hearing of Joshua,** This is the first mention of this character, but this action was carried out by Moses in Deuteronomy 25:17-19 where much information is gained about the folks here in this story.

**that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.”** This was to be done, at least, by Saul, but he failed (1 Samuel 15). Then David had a chance (1 Samuel 29), but in 1 Chronicles 4 and in the time of Hezekiah they are still alive. Probably, though, the antagonist of the book of Esther is a descendant of the man Saul allowed to live of the **Amalekites. 15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; Or The LORD My Rod**

**16 for he said, “Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.”** They will be, apparently, wiped out little by little.

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<sup>o</sup>Ex. 4:20

<sup>1</sup>John 12:41, after all, speaks of Christ being seen in His glory. The glorification of Christ, therefore, is in view when Christ speaks of His crucifixion in John 12:32-33.